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41. (Amended) A substantially purified antibody which specifically binds to an extracellular domain of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO.3, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody, a chimeric antibody or a humanized antibody.

44. (Amended) The antibody of claim 36 or 41 which is a human antibody.

45. (Amended) The antibody of claim 36 or 41 which is conjugated to a therapeutic moiety.

46. (Amended) The antibody of claim 36 or 41 which is linked to a detectable substance.

REMARKS

Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the attached copy of a Revocation of Prior Powers of Attorney and Appointment of New Power of Attorney, filed with the United States Patent Office on April 11, 2003. At the same time, Applicants filed a Change of Attorney Docket Number, a copy of which is attached as well. Applicants encourage the Examiner to correspond with the undersigned, and to forward all communications to the information referenced herein (and on the revocations).

Claims 24-29, 33-47 and 53-90 were pending in this application. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 26-29, 33-35, 53, 65-70, 75-77 and 87-90 have been found allowable, and that the drawings filed on September 26, 2002 are accepted. Applicants have cancelled claims 24, 25, 55-64, and 80-86, which describe pharmaceutical compositions, and reserve the right the right to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or in a subsequent patent application.

Applicants have amended claims 24 and 36 to specifically recite that the antibody represents at least 70% of the composition. In view of the indication that dependent claims 41-43 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants have combined claims 41-43 into new independent claim 41 and canceled claims 42 and 43. Applicants have amended dependent claims 44-46 to further depend from new independent claim 41.

For the Examiner's convenience, a marked up version of amended claims, with brackets indicating deletions and underlining indicating additions, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Also for the Examiner's convenience, a clean copy of the claims which will be pending upon entry of this Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit B.